

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 13 as follows:

~~The resulting koji A solution~~ is added to the koji prepared as described above to form unrefined soy, which is then fermented to hydrolyze soybean protein. In accordance with the invention, generally, no salt is added to the solution or the unrefined soy. The salt concentration is preferably 5% by weight or less, more preferably 2% by weight or less of the total weight of the unrefined soy. Further, the unrefined soy may contain a small amount of salt derived from the liquid culture of the lactic acid bacterium.